

To: Allgeier, Steve[Allgeier.Steve@epa.gov]
From: Swertfeger, Jeff
Sent: Wed 3/5/2014 1:27:35 PM
Subject: RE: Elk River Spill - West Virginia Poison Center Response

The storage was in the fridge and no preservative was added. I can pull up some of the data that we did and send to you. We didn't do any type of decay curve or anything like that. We also did not see degradation products on our GCMS, we just saw the MCHM go down pretty quickly.

From: Allgeier, Steve [mailto:Allgeier.Steve@epa.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, March 05, 2014 8:15 AM
To: Swertfeger, Jeff
Subject: RE: Elk River Spill - West Virginia Poison Center Response

Jeff,

Thanks for sharing. The WVPC's response to the incident was impressive. We'll be following results from the TAP study. The fate and persistence of MCHM in plumbing systems has become a hot button issue in the post remediation phase of this incident.

In a previous email you mentioned that MCHM degraded in stored samples. Do you have any additional information about this? In particular, what were the storage / preservation conditions, and what was the approximate decay rate?

Thanks,
Steve

From: Swertfeger, Jeff [mailto:Jeff.Swertfeger@gcww.cincinnati-oh.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, March 04, 2014 10:46 AM
To: Allgeier, Steve; Chrissy Dangle; Ralston, Michele
Subject: FW: Elk River Spill - West Virginia Poison Center Response

I don't know if you all saw this, but this is a summary from the director of WV poison control given at last week's AAPCC Midyear Directors' Meeting. I thought this was a really interesting summary and definitely pointed to the chaos of operating a call center in the type of environment they had during the spill in Charleston. One thing that struck me, was the role of social media in this. I know we mentioned it a few times in our project, but I think that is an area that we might want to consider beefing up in terms of guidance for not only using it to disseminate information, but also to keep pulse of what rumors were going around.

Another thing it reinforced to me that seeing what happened there and our own experience here with the media during the spill, is the importance of having multiple people involved with the PIO duties. We were able to keep up with it, but we only had it bad for a few days. There is no way we could have continued to operate as we did if it had gone on for much longer.

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From: [REDACTED] **Ex. 6 - Personal Privacy**
Sent: Mon 3/3/2014 3:45 PM
To: Brett Schuster
Subject: Spill Shortened Slide Set

Attached.

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